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Mr. David Raber  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Director, Safety Division  
2200 North Central Avenue  
Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

RE: Union Pacific Railroad Application Docket # RR-03639A-07-0517

Dear Mr. Raber:

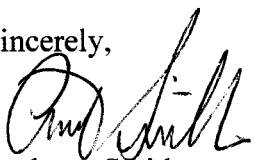
This letter is to reiterate the City of Maricopa's support for Application Docket # RR-03639A-07-0517 filed by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Concerning SR 347 specifically, the City and ADOT are actively pursuing funding for a grade separated crossing at the UPRR line, and are working UPRR in developing the best design for that grade separation. Talks are ongoing in terms of UPRR's funding responsibility on the project but the City does not want to delay UPRR's double-track project until such decisions can be made.

One City concern that must be dealt with in the near-term involves public complaints filed about the condition of the existing at-grade crossing approaches on SR 347. Recently representatives from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), UPRR and the City of Maricopa met on site to discuss this issue. It was decided that it was in the best interest of all stakeholders, including the public, that the repair could be handled most safely and efficiently if done as part of the double-track project.

On a separate note, Maricopa citizens have been pushing for Federal Quiet Zone designation within the City limits. As part of the double-track design, UPRR has been working with the City to not only make safety improvements at the at-grade crossing locations but to assist in making our crossings Quiet Zone compliant. The safety improvements to be provided, when compounded with potential for noise reductions, are very desirable to City residents.

For these reasons, the City reaffirms its support for UPRR's application to construct a second main track and related improvements to the grade crossings at SR 347, Porter, White & Parker, and Hartman Roads, and asks the Commission to approve UPRR's Application # RR-03639A-07-0517.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony Smith  
Mayor, City of Maricopa

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